

RESOLUTION NUMBER 141
DECLARATION OF OUR FUNDAMENTAL REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOMS

WHEREAS, we are experiencing unprecedented attacks on Reproductive autonomy, Freedom, and Justice at both the federal and state levels of government; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States established in 1973 the constitutional right to make informed, private medical decisions with the landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States is in 2022 deciding whether to uphold the *Roe v. Wade* decision, and could end the legal right to abortion in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Missouri's so-called "trigger ban" law could outlaw abortion in the state as soon as *Roe v. Wade* is overturned; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Mississippi abortion ban being considered by the Supreme Court, there are currently 15 abortion cases one step from the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri has a documented history of infringing on individual's reproductive decision-making, including restricting people's access to their health care providers of choice; and

WHEREAS, our ability to access sexual and reproductive health care and resources directly impacts our emotional, physical, and socioeconomic stability and safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen share a commitment to preserving and expanding opportunities for all St. Louisans to thrive; and

WHEREAS, the right to maintain personal bodily autonomy is fundamental to our Reproductive Freedom; and

WHEREAS, the ability to make personal decisions about if, when, and how to establish a family, including decisions about abortion, is fundamental to our Reproductive Freedom; and

WHEREAS, the ability to access medically accurate information about all of our health care options, without judgement, harassment, or coercion is fundamental to our Reproductive Freedom; and

WHEREAS, the ability to have a safe and healthy pregnancy on our own terms is fundamental to our future and our collective Reproductive Freedom; and

WHEREAS, the ability to live and raise children in healthy, safe communities with the support we need to thrive is fundamental to our Reproductive Freedom.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to declare the City of Saint Louis a sexual and reproductive health care safe zone, ensuring the people's rights to Reproductive Freedom, and naming these rights as fundamental to the policies

and practices of this body. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings.

Introduced this 23rd day of November, 2021 by:

The Honorable Bill Stephens, Alderman 12th Ward

The Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward

The Honorable Annie Rice, Alderwoman 8th Ward

The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 13th Ward

The Honorable Dan Guenther, Alderman 9th Ward

The Honorable Tina Pihl, Alderwoman 17th Ward

The Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 1st Ward

Adopted this 23rd day of November, 2021 as attested by:

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis Reed
President, Board of Aldermen